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## STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

September 17, 2011

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, D. C. 20554

RE: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256

- (1) Federal High Cost Support Certification
- (2) Rate Comparability Certification

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to advise you that the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("VSCC") has completed its 2011 annual certification procedure for use of federal universal service support in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314. Attached is a list of eligible carriers that have provided the VSCC with affidavits attesting that federal high-cost support funds received for the next year will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254 (e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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A letter is also being sent to the Universal Service Administrative Company.

Sincerely,

Judith Williams Jagdmann

Attachment

c: Carriers w/attachment

The Honorable James C. Dimitri The Honorable Mark C. Christie

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## VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION ELIGIBLE CARRIERS ATTESTING TO USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST SUPPORT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2011

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1. Amelia Telephone Corporation

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2. Burke's Garden Telephone Company

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- 3. Frontier Communications of Virginia, Inc.
- 4. MGW Telephone Company
- 5. New Castle Telephone Company
- 6. NTELOS Telephone Inc.
- 7. Peoples Mutual Telephone Company
- 8. Roanoke & Botetourt Telephone Company
- 9. Shenandoah Telephone Company
- 10. Verizon South Inc.
- 11. Virginia Telephone Company

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